

Dublin/Darlington Community Council

November 20, 2013

Harford County Sheriff's Report: – Lt. Rick Miller

- Captain Meckley was at another meeting and could not make it
- He reviewed the stat sheet that was provided (attached)
- The top 3 calls in 2013 so far have been suspicious incidents, alarms and burglaries
 - There was an increase in suspicious incidents from 2012 due to the fact that people were most likely being more vigilant and calling the police when they felt something was not right
- Lt. Miller reminded everyone that the holiday season can bring more crime and to be aware
 - The sheriff's office will be increasing patrols, especially in commercial areas for theft prevention
 - Traffic patrols will also be increased
- Rich asked if there has been an increase of people leaving their cars running when going in and out of places like convenient stores
 - Nothing specific has happened Lt. Miller just reminded everyone to not do that or leave items in plain sight when exiting your cars
- He also encouraged everyone to call 911 if they see anything suspicious
- Tom Friedel commented that the total crashes is surely accurate for the sheriff's department stats but not for the whole county because state road crashes aren't recorded by the county
 - Encourages everyone to remain vigilant when driving
- Lt. Miller suggested that the state police come to a meeting for an update on the area

President Billy Boniface: - County Council

- Gave an update on the next Harford Lyme Advocates meeting
 - Saturday November 23rd from 2pm – 4pm at the Bel Air Library
 - The guest speaker is very knowledgeable of Lyme Disease and has written some children's books on the subject
 - He is doing what he can to get the group started and support them
- The Aldino Road airport expansion zoning case will be on Dec. 16th at 6:30pm in the county council chambers
 - He is recusing himself from the issue because he lives right by the airport and he doesn't want it to be a conflict of interest
 - They are trying to expand their runway to support bigger airplanes
 - He isn't opposed to them doing this but he thinks restrictions should be put on them so massive jets don't have access to the airport and so the community has time to see the impact it will have
 - At the community input meeting a few weeks ago the owners weren't even sure what the traffic impact would be
 - Encouraged others to spread the word of the zoning hearing
- Rich gave a DNR update regarding Palmer State Park
 - The internal review is being done to make sure there won't be any negative impacts on the animals and the environment
 - It should be done soon
 - The concept plan is complete
 - Billy is still unsure of how using his own money from Ben's fund will be done since it isn't state money going into it
 - A lot of people have contributed to the fund and the money has gone to the Community Foundation of Harford County
 - This allows for more contributions to be made
- Barry wasn't there because he was at the teachers union meeting
 - His headquarters will be opening up Dec. 1st at 115 N. Main St. in Bel Air
 - There will be an open house with some cider and cookies starting after 1pm

- Encouraged everyone to come and support him

New Business:

- There was a meeting held at Harford Community College regarding the relicensing of the Conowingo Dam
 - Covered an array of topics
 - Some waterman from the Eastern Shore were in attendance and were upset about the sediment being pushed down the river from the Dam
 - Rich said that scientists were there to explain the issue and it seems the watermen may be misinformed
- Tom Friedel asked if the Ag community has suffered any more state and federal regulations
 - Billy explained that nothing new has happened but the issue of phosphorous will be a topic for concern for farmers in the future
- Rich explained that with the state and federal regulations coming down regarding improving the Bay in general it will be important to work with the northern states as well seeing that we receive all of their runoff
 - PA is already having to upgrade their treatment plants because they are out of date
- Stormwater Fee Update
 - Billy doesn't see the fee happening but the other counties have already started collecting it
 - Most are waiting to see what happens in the next legislative session
 - The whole bill was poorly put together by the state and there hasn't been any guidance on how to move forward
- Joni suggested that the December meeting be held off due to the holidays and there being no scheduled speaker
 - Billy said he would contact the state police about coming to the next meeting
- John Sauers brought up the issue of truck traffic on Main St. in the Darlington Village
 - He said some citizens feel the DDCC isn't doing a good job at addressing the issue
 - Rich indicated that there was a meeting held some time ago addressing this issue and the council has done everything it can do at this point
 - There was a suggestion that someone come from the state to discuss this issue again
 - Joni encouraged Tom to tell the citizens who are upset to come to the council meetings
- There was a vote to not have a meeting in December
- Rich brought up the fact that the Spring Town Hall meeting will be very important because it is an election year
 - Suggested that it take place in April
 - A tentative date of April 25th was discussed but would have to be confirmed with the Fire Hall in Darlington
- The tree lighting is still on schedule